

### Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

#### Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) Securing ~~A securing nut (1) with~~ comprising a nut body (5) and a straining ring (4) rotationally arranged on the nut body (5), the nut body having a neck, the straining ring (4) being shoved onto a the neck (2) of the nut body (5) and secured thereto by clamping, ~~characterized in that the~~ an inner surface of the straining ring (4) ~~has~~ having at least two grooves in ~~the form of circular splines (10a, 10b, 10c), they~~ that cumulatively extend across ~~the~~ an entire angular range of  $360^{\circ}$ , ~~and the~~ an outer surface of the neck (2) ~~has~~ having ~~the same~~ a plurality of cams corresponding in number to the number of grooves, each cam ~~of cams in the form of spline profiles (20a, 20b, 20c), which extend~~ being associated with a groove and extending across an angular range of less than  $360^{\circ}$   $60^{\circ}$ .
2. (Currently amended) Securing The securing nut according to claim 1, ~~further characterized in that~~ wherein exactly three ~~circular splines (10a, 10b, 10c)~~ grooves and exactly three spline profiles (20a, 20b, 20c) cams are provided.
3. (Currently amended) Securing The securing nut according to claim 2, ~~further characterized in that~~ wherein each ~~circular spline (10a, 10b, 10c)~~ groove of the straining ring (4) extends across an ~~angle region~~ angular range of  $120^{\circ}$ .
4. (Currently amended) Securing The securing nut according to claim 2, ~~further characterized in that~~ wherein each ~~spline profile (20a, 20b, 20c)~~ cam of the neck (2) extends across an ~~angle region~~ angular range of  $30^{\circ}$  to  $60^{\circ}$ , ~~preferably  $40^{\circ}$  to  $50^{\circ}$ , especially preferably  $45^{\circ}$ .~~

5. (Currently amended) ~~Securing~~ The securing nut according to claim 1, ~~further characterized in that wherein~~ the gradient of the ~~circular splines (10a, 10b, 10c)~~ grooves is approximately linear.

6. (Currently amended) ~~Securing~~ The securing nut according to claim 1, ~~further characterized in that wherein~~ the gradient of the ~~spline profiles (20a, 20b, 20c)~~ cams is curved prior to the clamping of the retaining ring to the nut body.

7. (Currently amended) ~~Securing~~ The securing nut according to claim 1, ~~further characterized in that wherein~~ the gradient of the ~~spline profiles (20a, 20b, 20c)~~ cams is approximately linear after the clamping of the retaining ring to the nut body.

8. (Currently amended) ~~Securing~~ The securing nut according to claim 5, ~~further characterized in that wherein~~ at least one of the gradient of the ~~circular splines (10a, 10b, 10c)~~ grooves and/or ~~spline profiles (20a, 20b, 20c)~~ and the cams is generated by a circular arc.

9. (Currently amended) ~~Securing~~ The securing nut according to claim 5, ~~further characterized in that wherein~~ the gradient of the ~~circular splines (10a, 10b, 10c)~~ grooves of the straining ring (4) is 1:50 to 1:100, ~~preferably 1:70~~.

10. (Currently amended) ~~Securing~~ The securing nut according to claim 5, ~~further characterized in that wherein~~ the gradient of the ~~spline profiles (20a, 20b, 20c)~~ cams of the neck (2) is 1:20 to 1:40, ~~preferably 1:25~~.

11. (Currently amended) ~~Securing~~ The securing nut according to claim 1, ~~further characterized in that wherein~~ the wall thickness of the neck (2) corresponds at most to 10% of the inner diameter of the neck (2).

12. (Currently amended) ~~Securing~~ The securing nut according to claim 1, ~~further characterized in that wherein~~ the depth of the ~~circular splines (10a, 10b, 10c)~~ grooves of the straining

ring (4) and the ~~spline profiles (20a, 20b, 20c)~~ cams of the neck (2) is 1% to 3%, preferably 1.75%, of the inner diameter (d) of the straining ring (4).

13. (Currently amended) ~~Securing~~ The securing nut according to any one of the preceding claims, ~~further characterized in that~~ wherein the nut body including the neck (2) is provided with an inner thread (3).

14. (Withdrawn) Method for producing a securing nut (1) with a nut body (5) and a straining ring (4) rotationally arranged on the nut body (5), the straining ring (4) being shoved onto a neck (2) of the nut body (5) and secured by clamping, whereby the inner surface of the straining ring (4) has at least two grooves in the form of circular splines (10a, 10b, 10c), they extend across the entire angular range of 360°C, and the outer surface of the neck (2) has the same number of cams in the form of spline profiles (20a, 20b, 20c), which extend across an angular range of less than 360°C, characterized in that the nut body (5) is pressed in the form of a rough blank without inner thread (3), the neck (2) having a greater wall thickness than is desired, and subsequently the wall thickness of the neck (2) is adjusted and the inner thread (3) is generated.

15. (Withdrawn) Method according to claim 14, characterized in that the nut body (5) is pressed in the form of a rough blank without spline profiles (20a, 20b, 20c) and subsequently the spline profiles (20a, 20b, 20c) are introduced by cutting machining.

16. (Withdrawn) Method according to claim 14 or 15, further characterized in that the straining ring (4) is pressed in ready form.

17. (New) The securing nut according to claim 4, wherein each cam of the neck extends across an angular range of 40° to 50°.

18. (New) The securing nut according to claim 17, wherein each cam of the neck extends across an angular range of  $45^{\circ}$ .

19. (New) The securing nut according to claim 9, wherein the gradient of the grooves of the straining ring is 1:70.

20. (New) The securing nut according to claim 10, wherein the gradient of the cams of the neck is 1:25.

21. (New) The securing nut according to claim 12, wherein the depth of the grooves of the straining ring and the cams of the neck is 1.75% of the inner diameter of the straining ring.